(c) This project will have an approximate investment of Rs. 3700 lakhs and is expected to be completed by April, 1995.

Demand and production of Khadi

4955. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the estimated production of Khadi vis-a-vis its demand in the country in 1994-95;

(b) whether the demand of Khadi in foreign countries has increased in the recent past; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) In 1994-95, the estimated production of Khadi (cotton, woollen, silk and muslin) is approximately 110.80 million sq. mtrs. with the value of Rs. 400 crores. However, KVIC has not undertaken any study to ascertain the demand in the recent past.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The response for KVI products in exhibitions held in Ghana, Singapore, Dubai and London has been very encouraging. A number of offers have been received for taking up agency for selling KVI products abroad. There has also been an offer from a Non-Resident Indian for setting up Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan in London. KVIC is trying to boost exports by having tie-ups with FIEO, ITPO and large export houses.

Closure of industries

4956. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) how many large, medium and small scale industries in the Private Sector have applied for closure during the 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) how many of these have been identified as sick; and

(c) what is the number of labour force involved in these industries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foreign exchange earned by BHEL

4957. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that BHEL achieved record sales and exports in the year 1993-94 which gives boost to the other public sector undertakings in the country; and

(b) if so, what is the total turn-over of BHEL for the year 1993-94 and what is the total foreign exchange earned by the BHEL by exporting the goods ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the unaudited results, the total turn-over and the foreign exchange earned during 1993-94 are Rs. 3530 crores and Rs. 845 crores respectively.

Problems of small scale industries

4958. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the small scale industries in the capital goods sector are suffering immensely due to poor offtaking by larger units and staggered deliveries by customers; and

(b) what action has been taken by Government to help the small scale industry.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No instances have been brough to the notice of the Government regarding difficulties faced by small scale industries in the capital goods sector due to poor off take by larger units and staggered deliveries by customers.

(b) In order to give fillip to the indigenous capital goods industry and make them competitive, Government in its

budget for 1994-95 has initiated number of measures which includes :

(i) Levying of countervailing duty on the imported capital goods.

(ii) Extending the benefit of modvat.

(iii) Reduction in the import duty on the parts of capital goods.

(iv) Reduction in the custom duty on the import of steel and rationalisation of custom duty on the imported non-ferrous metals which are the basic inputs required for the capital goods industry.

Stagnation in industrial production

4959. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether industrial production of the country in various fields has been stagnant for the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what effective measures Government propose to take to increase industrial production in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) :(a) As per the Index of Industrial Production the overall industrial production stagnated in 1991-92. It recorded a growth of 1.9% in 1992-93. The Index of Industrial Production has been showing a rising trend in 1993-94 and recorded a growth of 2.4% in the first nine months of the current year.

(b) The performance of the industrial sector in general during the last two years was affected by demand constraints in general, tight credit policy and the short term impacts of the stabilisation measures adopted in the wake of severe balance of payment crisis during 1991.

(c) The policy initiatives taken in the new Industrial Policy in July, 1991, the Trade Policy, and supporting fiscal and monetary measures announced in the subsequent Budgets are all aimed at accelerating the growth of industrial production. The extension of MODVAT for the capital goods and imposition of countervailing duty on import of capital goods would also help indigenous industries.

Efficiency of undertakings in Punjab

4960. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the public sector/private sector/Government sector undertakings in Punjab as on the 31st March, 1994;

(b) whether efficiency and profits of these undertakings have increased during 1993-94;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase the efficiency and profits in these undertakings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) There is only one Central Public Sector Undertaking, namely Semi Conductor Complex Ltd. having its registered Office in the State of Punjab. The details of net profit and the value of production of Semi Conductor Complex Ltd. during last three years is given below :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1992-93	1991-92	1990-91
Net Profit	490	799	212
Value of Production . . .	6302	4603	2601